

**CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021
KIVA HUT – 402 PARK STREET
6:30 P.M.**

In accordance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the **28th day of September 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St, Taft, Texas 78390.**

You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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Access Code: 266-187-693

1. Call to order and quorum check.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.
3. VISITORS - At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select one (1) representative to speak for them. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.
4. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the September 8, 2020 regular meeting minutes, September 29, 2020 special meeting minutes, October 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes, October 14, 2020 special meeting minutes, and October 27, 2020 regular meeting minutes.
5. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments for and against the proposed 2021 property tax rate for the City of Taft Deannexed SW.
6. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 1084 an ordinance to approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for *debt services (I&S)* of the City at a tax rate of \$0.246785 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the Deannexed Southwest Taft area.
7. Proclamation for World Teachers' Day.
8. Proclamation for Oscar Sturgeon "Coco" Day.
9. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve an agreement for Public Improvement District Administrative Services with MuniCap, Inc.

10. Discuss and take action on whether to approve or deny a variance request which, if approved, would allow the side yard on the side street on a corner lot to be 10' instead of 15' at 622 Victoria Ave. with legal description of Taft Townsite BLK 1 NE 75X55 LOT LL 0.086 ACRES in Taft, Tx.
11. Discuss and take action on whether to approve or deny a variance request which, if approved, would allow the front yard set back to be 20' instead of 25' and the back yard set back to be 5' instead of 6' at 448 Abazola, with legal description of Hidalgo Second Blk 6 Lot 12 0.115 Acres in Taft, Texas.
12. Discuss and take action on whether to approve or deny a variance request which, if approved, would allow the front yard set back to be 22' instead of 25' at 436 Bravo, with legal description of Hidalgo Second Blk 4 Lot 14 0.115 Acres in Taft, Texas.
13. Discuss and take action on whether to approve or deny a variance request which, if approved, would allow the reduction from 100 feet lot depth to a minimum of approximately 95 feet at a property with legal description of PT SEC 1 PAUL S/D CFP CO WILLIAMS ADDN 0.716 ACRES.
14. Discuss and take action on whether to approve or deny a variance request which, if approved, would allow the percentage of the required recreational space to be 5.6% instead of 8% and all visitors parking spaces to be located adjacent to the recreational area instead of every 150' at a property with legal description of PT SEC 1 PAUL S/D CFP CO WILLIAMS ADDN 0.716 ACRES.
15. Presentation by Brandon Bischoff of Thornton, Musso & Bellemin, Inc. on the chlorine conversion project.
16. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve a proposal for new telephone system.
17. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve a lease agreement to upgrade computer equipment with Nevill Document Solutions.
18. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve a quote to replace the air conditioner in the Taft Public Library.
19. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve a quote for a new sewer machine.
20. Consider, discuss and take action to approve replacing the cracked pump on the Taft Volunteer Fire Department Ford 2006 Command Vehicle F550.
21. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the purchase of radios for the Taft Volunteer Fire Department and the Taft Police Department.
22. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a request from the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the use of city property and approval of parade in support of the 2021 Taft Christmas Festival.
23. Consider, discuss and act to approve Ordinance No. 1085, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas establishing a revised rate schedule for water and wastewater services in the City of Taft, Texas.
24. Consider, discuss, and take action on Halloween on Green. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
25. Discussion on opening a separate bank account for impound fees. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
26. Discussion on striping of parking spaces along Green Avenue. *(Councilman Vara)*

27. Status update on the pooled cash project.
28. Discussion on hosting any Veteran's Day activities.
29. Update on city manager authorized emergency expenses.
30. Status update on repairs to Juarez St.
31. Consider, discuss and possible action on the four day work week.
32. Discussion on update of the status of fire hydrants.
33. Discussion on update of the status of the Animal Control shelter.
34. City Council Requests and Announcements:
 - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
 - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
35. Executive Session:
 1. Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to meet with its Attorney to seek legal advice on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding: Agreement with Taft ISD on the Taft Water Park.
 2. Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to meet with its Attorney to seek legal advice on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding agreement with Taft Volunteer Fire Department.
 3. Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: Chief of Police Ponce Trevino.
36. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive session.
37. Adjournment.

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

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| 1. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071 | Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where legal advice is requested of the City Attorney. |
| 2. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072 | The purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property , if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. |
| 3. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.073 | A contract for a prospective gift or donation to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. |
| 4. | Texas Open Meetings Act - | Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public |

Section 551.074

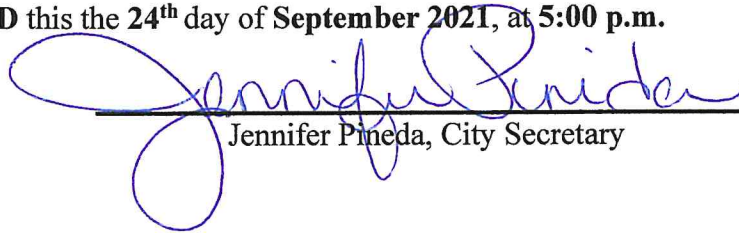
officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee.

5. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.076 The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of ***security personnel or devices***.
6. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.087 Deliberations regarding ***economic development negotiations***.

NOTICE

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who may need auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the City offices at (361) 528-3512 by Monday noon.

DATED and POSTED this the 24th day of **September 2021**, at **5:00 p.m.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Pineda", is written over a horizontal line.

Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary